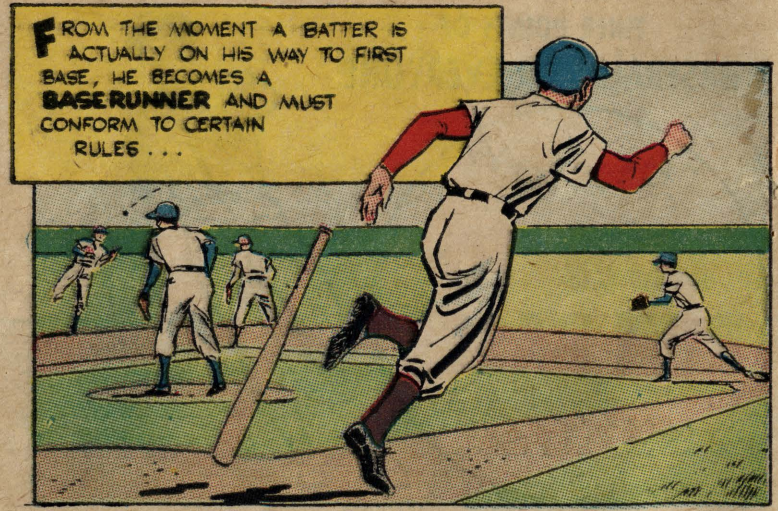
FINER POINTS OF

BASEBALL FOR EVERYONE

HOW TO RUN BASES

HINTS FOR LITTLE, JUNIOR, MIDGET, BABE RUTH PLAYERS



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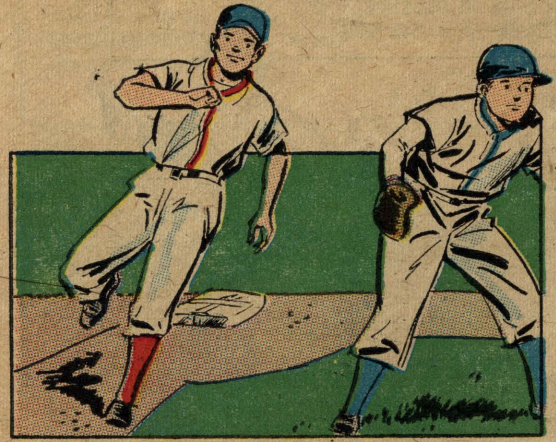
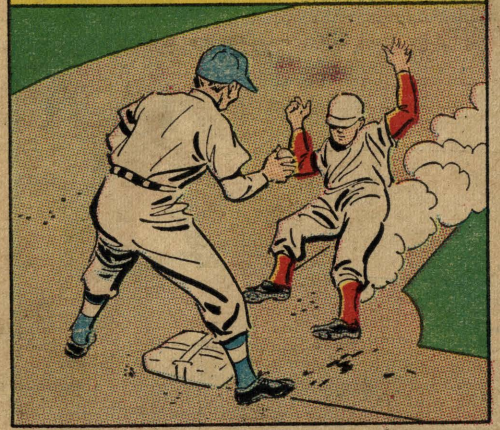
HE MUST KEEP WITHIN THE THREE FOOT BASELINE APPROACHING FIRST BASE, BUT HE IS ALLOWED TO OVER-RUN THE BAG . . .
PROVIDED THAT HE RETURNS THERE WITHOUT ATTEMTING TO RUN TO SECOND.. OR HE MAY BE TAGGED OUT

ON A LONG HIT, THE RUNNER SHOULD ROUND FIRST AND HEAD FOR SECOND...

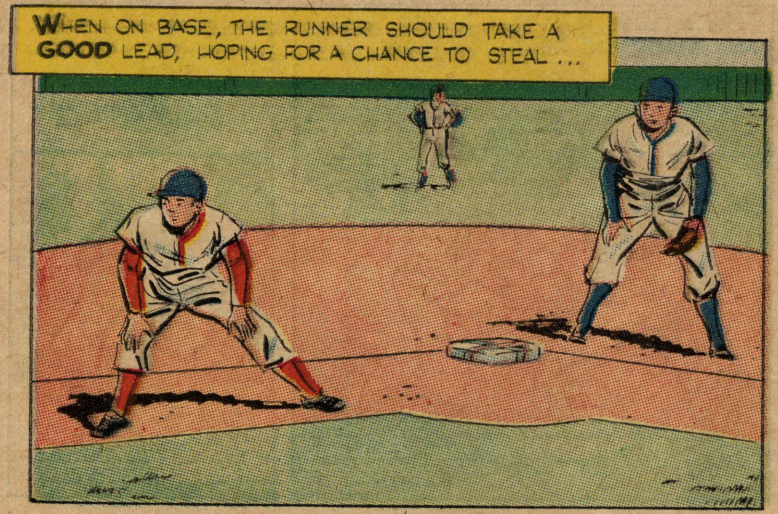


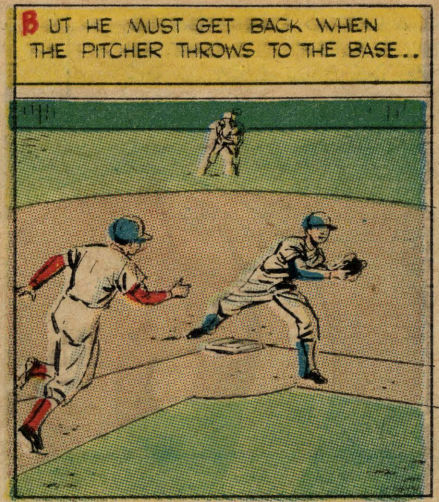
IN DOING THIS, CUT SHARPLY AND TOUCH THE INNER CORNER OF THE BAG

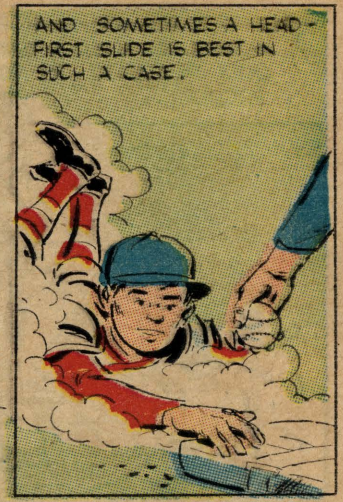
ON A CLOSE PLAY, THE RUNNER MUST **SLIDE** TO REACH THE BASE...



HOOKING THE BAG WITH ONE FOOT, TO GIVE THE BASEMAN VERY LITTLE TAGGING SURFACE


WHEN ON BASE, THE RUNNER SHOULD TAKE A GOOD LEAD, HOPING FOR A CHANCE TO STEAL ...


BUT HE MUST GET BACK WHEN THE PITCHER THROWS TO THE BASE..


AND SOMETIMES A HEAD-FIRST SLIDE IS BEST IN SUCH A CASE.

THE BASE RUNNER MUST BE ALERT TO **EVERYTHING** SOMETIMES AFTER A THROW TO A BASE, THE BASEMAN ONLY PRETENDS TO TOSS THE BALL BACK TO THE PITCHER . . .

BUT ACTUALLY KEEPS IT HIDDEN IN HIS GLOVED HAND!

HIS IDEA IS TO STROLL OVER AND TAG THE RUNNER THE MOMENT HE STEPS OFF BASE

THIS IS CALLED THE **"HIDDEN BALL"** TRICK . . . DON'T LET IT FOOL **YOU!**

A RUNNER **ON FIRST** MUST REMEMBER THAT HE IS FORCED TO GO TO SECOND WHEN A BATTER HITS A GROUND BALL

RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND ARE **BOTH** "FORCED TO ADVANCE"

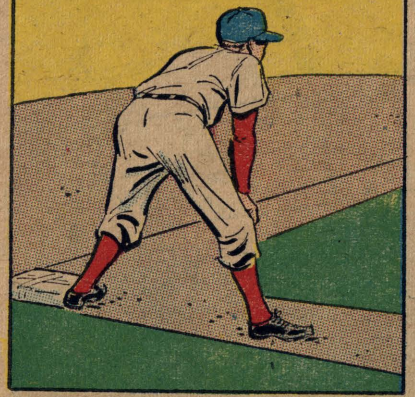
WITH BASES FULL, **ALL** MUST ADVANCE

ON A FLY, THE RUNNER SHOULD PAUSE MIDWAY BETWEEN BASES

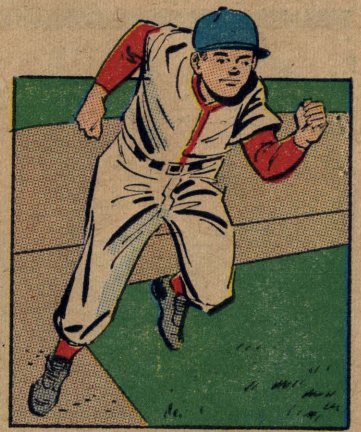
IF THE BALL DROPS SAFE HE CAN CONTINUE

IF THE FLY IS CAUGHT, HE CAN GET BACK TO FIRST

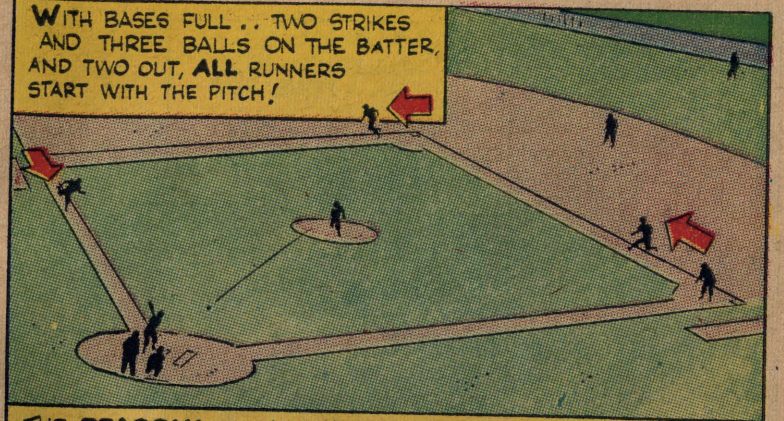
WHEN THE RUNNER IS NOT FORCED, HE SHOULD HOLD HIS BASE UNTIL THE MOMENT A FLY IS CAUGHT . . .



AND THEN START FOR THE NEXT BASE LIKE A SPRINTER!



WITH BASES FULL . . TWO STRIKES AND THREE BALLS ON THE BATTER, AND TWO OUT, **ALL** RUNNERS START WITH THE PITCH!



THE **REASON:** IF IT'S A STRIKE, THE SIDE IS OUT ANYWAY . . . A BALL, ALL MOVE UP AUTOMATICALLY . . . IF THE BATTER HITS, THERE'S NO DANGER OF A DOUBLE PLAY.

ON FOUL BALLS, RUNNERS SIMPLY RETURN TO THEIR BASES...

BUT YOU CAN BE "DOUBLED OFF BASE" WHEN A **FOUL FLY** IS CAUGHT... SO BE WARY!

AND A RUNNER IS **OUT** IF HIT BY A BATTED BALL!

SO WATCH OUT FOR THAT ONE TOO!